

Virginia Pretrial Services Stakeholder Group
Work Group B: Pretrial Investigations, Supervision, Training, and Resources
Meeting Summary

Date of Meeting: August 21, 2018

In attendance		
Steve	Austin**	Prince William Office of Criminal Justice Services
Dave	Bourne**	Virginia Bail Association
Keenan	Caldwell	KC3 Consulting, LLC, Virginia Bail Association
Colin	Drabert	Virginia State Crime Commission
Ross	Carew	OAR/Jefferson Area Community Corrections
David	Cotter	Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services
Jane	Chambers **	Commonwealth's Attorneys' Services Council
Hal	Digs	Colonial Community Corrections
Michael	Doucette**	Virginia Association of Commonwealth's Attorneys
Amanda	Griffith	New River Community Corrections and Pretrial Services
Paula	Harpster	Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services
Nathan	Hittle	Virginia State Crime Commission
Kevin	Hudson	Rappahannock Regional Jail
Gary	Hughes	Henrico Community Corrections
Ann Marie	Freeman	Rockingham-Harrisonburg Court Services Unit
Sharon	Jones**	Virginia Beach Office of Community Corrections and Pretrial Services
Josh	Kiser**	Southwest Virginia Community Corrections
Nicole	Loving	Petersburg Community Corrections
Timothy	Martin**	Augusta County Commonwealth's Attorney
Jennifer	MacArthur	Richmond Department of Justice Services, Division of Adult Programs
Chris	McDonald**	Virginia Association of Counties
Drew	Molloy**	Virginia Community Criminal Justice Association
Dorena	Murray	Virginia Bail Association
David	Pastors	Blue Ridge Court Services
Cynthia	Plummer	Lynchburg Community Corrections and Pretrial Services
Alison	Powers**	Indigent Defense Commission
Kenneth	Rose	Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services
Henny	Schreurs	Hanover Community Corrections and Pretrial Services
DeVon	Simmons**	Office of the Attorney General
Pat	Smith**	OAR/Jefferson Area Community Corrections
Amanda	Trent**	Western Virginia Regional Jail
Maranda	Tyler	Hanover Community Corrections and Pretrial Services
Auriel	Walker**	Northern Neck Community Based Probation and Pretrial Services
** Group Member		

Group Members not in attendance		
Janet	Areson	Virginia Municipal League
Keenan	Caldwell	KC3 Consulting, LLC/ Virginia Bail Association
David	Cotter	Department of Criminal Justice Services
Judge	Dascher	Judge, 25th Judicial District of Virginia, Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court
Carrie	Delaney	Virginia Beach Office of CC and PT Services
Meghan	Gaulding	Virginia State Crime Commission
Paul	Gregory	Magistrate Advisor
Dick	Hall-Sizemore	Virginia Department of Planning and Budget
David	Johnson	Indigent Defense Commission
Judge	Killilea	Judge, 9th Judicial District of Virginia, General District Court
Caitlin	Kilpatrick	Senate Finance Committee - Public Safety, Claims Subcommittee
Stokes	McCune	Virginia Bail Association
Chris	McDonald	Virginia Association of Counties
Sheriff	Perry	Henry County Sheriff's Office
David	Reynolds	House Appropriations - Public Safety Subcommittee Committee
Judge	Sharp	Judge, 15th Judicial Circuit of Virginia, Circuit Court
Shonda	Whitfield	Newport News Sheriff's Office

Meeting overview 8/21/2018

I. Review of Pretrial Services Mapping/Profile Template

DCJS provided an overview of the proposed pretrial services mapping/profile template. A draft version was provided to the workgroup members. Workgroup members will send feedback to Ken Rose and Andy Warriner from the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services.

II. Scope of Pretrial Services

The workgroup came to a consensus that both pretrial investigation and supervision is the preferred model for Virginia. All members, with the exception of one member, voted in favor of a pretrial services model that has both pretrial investigations and supervision. Members also acknowledged that this model is what is considered best practices nationally. The workgroup emphasized the importance of supervision. Funding for this model was a concern expressed by the workgroup members, in that current funding may not be adequate. Workgroup members also discussed the fact that different practices among localities may be acceptable as long as they align with the core elements of the best practices model.

III. VPRAI and Pretrial Investigation Report

Workgroup members had a unanimous census that there should be ongoing research and validation of the VPRAI. As part of the research and validation, the workgroup recommended that, in addition to the overall risk level, the risk of failure to appear, and the

risk to public safety be separated out. Regarding the format of the VPRAI report, the workgroup requested that DCJS conduct a scan of practice in other states to provide examples of how information is summarized in risk assessment reports, including the language used to make bail recommendations.

IV. Pretrial Supervision

The workgroup discussed how to use pretrial risk assessment information to guide the intensity of pretrial supervision. Workgroup members had a unanimous census that the pretrial risk assessment should guide pretrial supervision levels and the intensity of supervision.

Staff from the Virginia State Crime Commission shared their observations and concerns that despite the use of the Praxis to guide the intensity of supervision (levels of supervision), there appears to be some judicial officers that are over conditioning defendants placed on pretrial supervision. The workgroup discussed various ways this practice could be mitigated. Suggestions included enhanced bail training of judicial offices and other stakeholders involved in bail decisions. In addition, the workgroup discussed the possibility that consideration could be given to better educate stakeholders about the details of the levels of supervision.

Workgroup members expressed that it be reported out that they recognize that there are parts of the state not served by pretrial services and that statewide expansion be a consideration. All members, with the exception of one member, voted in favor of statewide pretrial services expansion.

Assignments		
Action	Assigned To	Due
Provide feedback on Pretrial Services Mapping/Profile Template	All	September 2018
Conduct a national scan of how pretrial risk assessment reports and formatted and information conveyed to judicial officers.	DCJS Staff	September 2018

Next Meeting		
Date	Time	Location
TBD		